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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated February 24, 2004, applicants elect without traverse Invention II to which claims 7-12 are presently drawn.

In addition, Applicants expressly reserve the right to file continuation or divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

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